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TRANSMITTAL OF APPEAL BRIEF

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Sir:

Submitted herewith are the following documents relating to the above-identified patent application:

- 1. Appeal Brief (original and two copies); and
- 2. Copy of Notice of Appeal, filed on August 6, 2003, with copy of stamped return postcard indicating receipt of Notice by PTO on August 8, 2003.

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